

Lesson 53

Definitions



1.	aggrandizement	uh GRAN diz munt	an increase, enlargement, or enhancement
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> diminution
	The discovery led to the aggrandizement of the scientist's reputation.		
	Derivatives >>	aggrandize, aggrandizer, aggrandized, aggrandizing	
2.	astronomical	as trow NOM uh kul	inconceivably large
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> very small; miniscule
	The number of stars in the sky is astronomical.		
	Derivatives >>	astronomic, astronomically	
3.	by-line	BY line	a line at the head of a written article giving the writer's name
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The young writer looked anxiously at the article to see his name in the by-line.		
	Derivatives >>	byliner	
4.	concentration	kon sun TRAY shun	something that has been drawn together
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dispersion
	There is a concentration of insects on that rotten log.		
	Derivatives >>	concentrations	
5.	dashiki	da SHE kee	a loose and brightly colored tunic or garment
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The woman's dashiki was purple and gold.		
	Derivatives >>		
6.	diurnal	die UR nul	occurring during the day or daily
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> occurring at night, nocturnal
	Several of the events for graduation will be diurnal.		
	Derivatives >>	diurnally, diurnation	
7.	enmesh	en MESH	to entangle
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to free; to release
	They became enmeshed in an awful argument.		
	Derivatives >>	enmeshed, enmeshment	
8.	epicure	EP uh kyoor	a person who understands a lot about food and drink, a connoisseur
	Synonyms >>	gastronome, gourmet, gourmand	Antonym >> ascetic
	The extravagant party was enjoyed most by the epicure who indulged in sensual delight.		
	Derivatives >>	epicureal, epicurial, epicurean, epicureanism, epicureous, epicurism,	
9.	ford	FORD	to cross a body of water by wading
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	In order to get to the other side, we have to ford the stream.		
	Derivatives >>	forded, fording, fords, fordless	
10.	impugn	im PYOON	to assail or to attack one's honor or integrity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to speak well of
	After the death of his father, many relatives impugned his claims to his inheritance.		
	Derivatives >>	impugnable, impugnation, impugment	
11.	legacy	LEG uh see	a gift by will, something handed down by an ancestor or predecessor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Most presidents wonder what their legacy to the country will be.		
	Derivatives >>	legacies	

12.	maxim	MAK sim	a saying of proverbial nature; a general truth or principle; rule of conduct
	Synonyms >>	proverb	Antonym >>
	The maxim "a penny saved is a penny earned" is a favorite with many people.		
	Derivatives >>	maxims, maximist	
13.	nascent	NAS unt, NAY sunt	recently coming into existence
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> established; old
	The country was characterized by nascent revolutionary tendencies.		
	Derivatives >>	nascence, nascency	
14.	papyrus	puh PIE rus	ancient paper made from a papyrus plant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	My assignment is to research ancient cultures that wrote on papyrus.		
	Derivatives >>	papyraceous, papyrological, papyrologist	
15.	pigeonhole	PIJ un hole	to assign to a category
	Synonyms >>	assort, sort, classify	Antonym >>
	Since he writes comedies, mysteries, and musicals, it is difficult to pigeonhole his writing style.		
	Derivatives >>		
16.	prestidigitation	pres tuh dij eh TAY	sleight of hand, manual dexterity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Most magicians are skilled in prestidigitation.		
	Derivatives >>	prestidigitator, prestidigitatorial, prestidigitatory, prestigiator, prestigiator	
17.	rarefy	RARE uh fie	to make less dense; to make more spiritual, refined, or abstruse
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to make denser; to condense
	Their thoughts are refined and rarefied through interaction with each other.		
	Derivatives >>	rarefier, rarefied, rarefiable, rarefactive, rarefaction	
18.	rhapsodize	RAP suh dize	to express in an overly enthusiastic manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to drone
	He felt his Super Bowl trip was the greatest thing since the wheel and rhapsodized about it for weeks.		
	Derivatives >>	rhapsodist, rhapsodic, rhapsodically, rhapsodical, rhapsodistic	
19.	seminal	SEM uh nul	having the character of an originative power, principle, or source
	Synonyms >>	original, germinative	Antonym >>
	Our country was based on the seminal ideas of freedom for all.		
	Derivatives >>	seminality, seminally	
20.	stilted	STIL ted	artificially formal, stiff, pompous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> genuine
	The demeanor of English royalty seems stilted to many Americans.		
	Derivatives >>	stiltedly, stiltedness	
21.	swatch	SWOCH	a sample piece from some cloth or other item
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He brought a book of swatches to help me choose the material for the curtains.		
	Derivatives >>	swatches	
22.	tart	TART	sharp or sour taste
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sweet
	I like a tart mustard on my hot dog.		
	Derivatives >>	tartly, tartish	
23.	unflappable	un FLAP uh bul	not easily upset
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> easily upset
	A candidate needs to be unflappable when he meets the press.		
	Derivatives >>		
24.	visceral	VIS ur ul	dealing with coarse or base emotions; earthly, crude
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	J.D. Salinger often used a visceral writing style in his work.		
	Derivatives >>	viscerally	
25.	yoke (verb)	YOKE	to fit or to join with a harness; to connect or to join together
	Synonyms >>	couple	Antonym >> to uncouple
	Our mule does not like it when we yoke it to the harness.		
	Derivatives >>	yoked, yoking, yokeless	

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Matching Test



Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

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| _____ | 1. aggrandizement | a. connoisseur |
| _____ | 2. astronomical | b. to assail or to attack one's honor |
| _____ | 3. by-line | c. notification of the author's name |
| _____ | 4. concentration | d. a gift by will |
| _____ | 5. dashiki | e. to entangle |
| _____ | 6. diurnal | f. increase; enlargement |
| _____ | 7. enmesh | g. a loose, brightly-colored tunic |
| _____ | 8. epicure | h. a proverb; a general truth |
| _____ | 9. ford | i. occurring during the day |
| _____ | 10. impugn | j. inconceivably large |
| _____ | 11. legacy | k. to cross a body of water by wading |
| _____ | 12. maxim | l. something drawn together |

Exercise B

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| _____ | 1. nascent | a. ancient paper made from a plant |
| _____ | 2. papyrus | b. to make less dense |
| _____ | 3. pigeonhole | c. not easily upset |
| _____ | 4. prestidigitation | d. to express overly enthusiastically |
| _____ | 5. rarefy | e. to fit or to join together |
| _____ | 6. rhapsodize | f. sleight of hand; manual dexterity |
| _____ | 7. seminal | g. to assign to a category |
| _____ | 8. stilted | h. artificially stiff; formal; pompous |
| _____ | 9. swatch | i. sample piece from cloth |
| _____ | 10. tart | j. recently coming into existence |
| _____ | 11. unflappable | k. sharp or sour in taste |
| _____ | 12. visceral | l. original; germanitive |
| _____ | 13. yoke | m. dealing with coarse, base emotions |

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Sentence Completion



aggrandizement	astronomical	by-line	concentration
dashiki	diurnal	enmesh	epicure
ford	impugned	maxim	swatch

1. Lunch is a _____ meal that occurs every day at noon, while dinner is regarded as a nocturnal meal occurring in the evening.
2. There seemed to be a _____ of rebels in the middle of the crowd; they had gathered there to incite the larger group into rebellious action.
3. Surprisingly the _____ in the river that normally afforded clear passage was blocked with a wall of thorns ready to _____ and entangle any trespasser.
4. _____ numbers of facts are stored in computers each year; so many are collected that they start to overpower our ability to analyze them.
5. The proverb “Insist on yourself: never imitate” is a favorite _____ of Ralph Waldo Emerson.
6. The seamstress lifted the _____, and from the African robe she cut a _____ of material, only a small piece from the hem.
7. The politician’s constituents _____ him by falsely accusing him of embezzlement.
8. Not even an _____ could find fault with the feast which was prepared for the party.
9. The man soon realized that with his job came _____ that gave him power and glory beyond his imagination.
10. The writer puts his _____ at the top of each story that he has written to identify it as his own.

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legacy	nascent	papyrus	pigeonhole	prestidigitation
rarefied	rhapsodize	seminal	stilted	tart
unflappable	visceral	yoke		

11. The millionaire left quite a _____ for his children; his reputation as a philanthropist and benefactor to the poor was known throughout the world.
12. Their thoughts are refined and _____ through interaction with each other, as though their wits are sharpened through their conversations.
13. His _____ personality began to bloom after his psychotherapy brought him out of the shell in which he had lived so long.
14. Always somewhat overly enthusiastic, she could _____ for an hour over the slightest thing.
15. The relish has a _____, sour taste that is especially good on a hot dog.
16. The ancient Egyptians wrote on a peculiar kind of paper called _____.
17. The “Blues” were the _____ source from which rock music originated.
18. It is difficult to assign that writer to a particular category since he writes so many kinds of things; such people are difficult to _____.
19. The woman’s _____ speech made her sound artificially formal and quite pompous.
20. The woman simply refuses to change or to be easily upset about things; she is totally _____.
21. We will have to _____ the oxen to the harness if we expect them to help us with the plowing; if we join them together, the task of turning the soil will not take too long.
22. The book dealt with crude language and base emotions; personally, I do not care for such _____ material.
23. We were all entertained by the magician’s _____; his tricks and sleight of hand were amazing.